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Debaters: Our Showdown

Editorial

PAST HISTORY reveals that the present wrangling over the debate fee is nothing new. On various other occasions, one organization or another has requested its share of the "untouchable" sum.

It's time for a showdown!

While the Collegian grants that debating is a worthwhile activity which helps to build up the prestige of the College and that debating should not be handicapped by slashing its appropriation extensively, this is not the question.

And the debate faction realizes this too.

Why should every student be forced to pay 25 cents every semester, 50 cents every year, to keep up a debating team when other activities—we single out the Glee Club in this dispute—just as worthwhile and perhaps considerably more appealing to the student body than debating, are not given a single penny?

From approximately 6,000 students every year, Penn State's debating teams, men and women, receive about \$3,000. The Glee Club "sings for its supper."

Why, the Collegian asks, is not a portion of that 25 cents given to the support of the Glee Club and other musical activities which are as worthwhile as debating, just as "prestige building" as debating, in many cases, more appealing than debating, and have often brought to the College prized intercollegiate honors?

THE IDEAL SOLUTION, of course, would be to secure a small increase in the general fees. Everybody would then be satisfied—maybe.

Just how the Board of Trustees would look upon any increase in fees is questionable. Present indications seem to point to the Trustees disfavoring such a move.

In addition, how would other money-seeking organizations react? Human nature calls for prompt action on their part to seek an increase for their particular purposes. There lies a problem.

If such a problem is to be avoided, the logical answer is to divide the debate fee.

In a cross-section survey of students here yesterday, the Collegian discovered that a majority of undergraduates were of the opinion that the debate fee should be split in the event that a fee increase for the Glee Club was impossible.

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Glee Club Fee Approved By Student Cross-Section

Student opinion here is practically unanimous in favor of a Glee Club fee to help finance the activities of that organization, a cross section survey yesterday revealed.

Ideas vary sharply, however, on the question of whether the Glee Club appropriation should come out of the 50-cent debate fee or whether fees should be increased to provide for the Glee Club funds.

Physics Teachers To Gather Here For Conference

Every recognized college and university in Pennsylvania is expected to be represented at the annual conference of Pennsylvania College physics teachers to be held here today and tomorrow.

Of special interest to the faculty are the book and apparatus exhibits in the old Physics Building. In this, same building, from 1:30 p. m. to 3:15 p. m. today, Dean Whitmore will give the address of welcome, and there will be talks by several outstanding physicists from other colleges.

Dr. Charles F. Squire, of the department of physics of the University of Pennsylvania, will speak at 8 o'clock in the Home Economics Auditorium.

Hospital Cases Are Double Last Year's

Although there was one week less of school during September this year, the College hospital had 70 patients in bed, a total of 92 days while last year there were only 32 patients in bed 42 days during September.

Outside patient calls at the hospital during September this year were 680 as against 787 a year ago. The dispensary last month had 1,781 calls while in September, 1938, it had 2,437.

42 Collegian Staff Meets

All sophomore business candidates for the COLLEGIAN staff met with C. Russell Eck, Business Manager, in Room 312 Old Main at 1:30 p. m. Saturday.

PLEDGE SPEAKER



DR. ROBERT L. SUTHERLAND

Bucknell Dean To Speak At Pledge Dinner

Dr. Sutherland Will Also
Talk At Chapel Service;
Morality To Be Subject

Dr. Robert L. Sutherland, Dean of Men at Bucknell University, will speak at the annual Pledge Banquet to be held at the Nittany Lion Inn, Sunday at 5:45 p. m.

"The Most Distinguished Alumni Award" of Knox College was presented to Dr. Sutherland, this year, in recognition of his work as director of the Negro Youth Study. He is also a member of the American Sociological Society, the American Association for Advancement of Science, and several other organizations. Honorary scholastic societies to which Dr. Sutherland belongs include Phi Beta Kappa, Delta Sigma Rho, and Sigma Delta Chi.

Dr. Sutherland will also speak at chapel service, Sunday morning on "Inventions in Morality."

"The committee in charge of this year's dinner includes Quentin W. Couch '40, and Harold Fry '40, co-chairmen; Ralph C. Routsong, Jr. '41, Paul Doty '40, and Charles Hilderly '40. Jack Putney heads the Christian Association's part in the dinner and Frank C. Anderson Jr. the work done by the Interfraternity Council.

A record attendance is expected this year at the pledge banquet, and a new seating arrangement will be used to aid the pledges in meeting each other.

Tribunal Acts On 4 Major Issues; Punishes 7 Frosh

Freshman beware! Student Tribunal took definite action on all freshmen who violate the four major issues acted upon in their meeting Tuesday evening as they executed 17 offenders and punished seven other custom breakers.

Special warning was issued to freshmen planning to attend the Beaux Arts Ball all customs must be observed until one-half hour before the dance begins.

Three fraternities, Phi Kappa Sigma, Delta Chi and Tau Kappa Epsilon, were granted permission to hold pledge dances.

Finally, a final decree was issued that the Tribunal will consider it a major offense if any freshmen leaves a football game before it is over, and Tribunal will penalize any freshmen caught walking on the grass after the game is over.

Decision On Debate Fee Split Tabled

Glee Club, Debate
Factions In Clash;
Outcome Unknown

Opposing factions representing glee club and debating interests, fought to a standstill over a split of the present 50 cent debate fee as action was tabled pending further investigation at a hotly-contested session of the All-College Cabinet Tuesday night.

With the musical organization requesting one half of the fee and the debaters struggling to protect their allotment, little indication of the final outcome could be determined.

Conway, Gallu Clash

Thomas D. Conway '40, on behalf of the debate team, and Sam Gallu '40, president of the Glee Club and newly-elected chairman of the Board of Dramatics and Forensics, exchanged verbal blasts for the Cabinet's benefit.

Senior Class President David E. Pergrin, chairman of the committee to investigate the debate fee, opened the controversial discussion by submitting the financial report of the debate team. Numerous queries were made by Cabinet members.

Outstanding in Gallu's plea for (Continued On Page Two)

NYA Open To Citizens Only

Students Must Appear
Before Notary Public;
No Fee Will Be Charged

All NYA students now on the pay-rolls of the College must appear before a notary public Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday to be sworn in to a citizenship affidavit. Stanley B. Maddox, director of NYA work here, announced yesterday. The notary public will be in the first floor lounge of Old Main from 9 a. m. to noon and from 1:30 to 5:30 p. m. each of the designated days.

Matriculation Cards Needed
Matriculation cards will be necessary for identification. Maddox warned that any students who do not appear for the affirmation will immediately be dropped from the NYA rolls. Last year 12 were dropped for this reason.

The citizenship affidavits must be filled out and filed at Harrisburg before any pay checks can be released. This ruling falls under the Public Resolution No. 1 of the 76th Congress of the United States which states:

"No alien shall be given employment or continued in employment on any project prosecuted under the appropriations contained in the Emergency Relief Act of 1938 or this joint resolution. Provided, That no part of the money herein appropriated shall be available to pay any person thirty days after the approval of this joint resolution who does not make affidavit as to United States citizenship, such affidavit to be considered prima facie evidence of such citizenship."

Maddox stated that there would be no fee charged the students for the notary public.

Underdog Nittany Gridders Point For Upset Win Over Cornell At Ithaca Tomorrow

275-LB. BEAR TRAP



LEN FRKETICH—Penn State Tackle

Guidance Tests Now Open To Freshmen

Vocational guidance tests will be given free this month for the first time in the history of the College to all freshmen in the Lower Division, the School of Physical Education and Athletics, and the School of Education.

The tests are being given, it was announced, in answer to a demand on the part of the students for information about themselves on which they can base their choice of a course in College and a vocation when graduated.

A confidential report of the result will be given each freshman and, on request, a personal conference will be arranged in which the significance of the results will be discussed.

The tests will require each student to be present in White Hall on two evenings, once next week and once during the following week. Testing will start promptly at 7 p. m. and will require slightly more than two hours each evening.

The schedule for testing follows: Physical Education—October 24 and October 31. Lower Division—October 25 and November 1. Home Ec and Industrial Education—October 26 and November 2.

Medlar Confined To Hospital

Charles "Chuck" Medlar '42, freshman football, basketball star last year, has withdrawn from school to have a floating cartilage on his knee operated on.

CA Drive Has \$4,000 Goal

Kick-Off Dinner Will Start
Student Campaign; Goal
For Faculty Set At \$1000

With its student goal set at \$4,000 the annual PSCA finance drive will get underway with a Kick-Off dinner in the Nittany Lion Inn at 5:45 p. m. next Monday. Actual soliciting will begin Tuesday and will be carried on until Friday night. A faculty campaign to be carried on concurrently has a \$1,000 goal.

The finance drive has the dual purpose of raising funds to carry on the PSCA service and activities program during 1939-40, and of acquainting all students with the PSCA which its directors claim, is the oldest, largest and the most cosmopolitan of all student organizations.

Brief speeches at the Kick-Off dinner will be made by Dr. Maish W. White, president of the PSCA board of directors; Miss A. Paul (Continued On Page Two)

Thirty Lions Leave This Morning For Important Battle; Frketich May Replace Stravinski In Lineup

Meeting Will Be Twelfth Between Foes;
Both Squads Undefeated; Big Red
Boasts Wins Over Syracuse, Princeton

Today a Big Red Bear is lying in its den at Ithaca, N. Y. awaiting what it believes will be a little pastime when it goes out to romp with Goldilocks.

Tomorrow that same Big Red Bear will get the surprise of its life when the Goldilocks turns out to be a determined Nittany Lion with teeth and claws bared. The Big Red Bear's surprise is slated to occur at 2 p. m. tomorrow on Schoellkopf Field.

Early this morning 30 Blue and White gridders boarded busses to make their final fling at defeating the Big Red of Cornell. Tomorrow's battle will be the twelfth between the two schools, six of which have been won by the Ithacans and four by the Lions. One meeting ended in a scoreless tie.

Cornell Favored
Although both squads will enter the fracas undefeated, the Nittany forces will be on the short end of the betting odds. Cornell has won twice over a highly-rated Syracuse eleven and last Saturday beat Princeton. The State team, victorious in the Lehigh and Bucknell games, will be seeking revenge for last year's defeat by the Ithacans, 21-6.

Though undecided on his exact starting lineup, Coach Bob Higgins indicated that the opening eleven would be much the same as that which faced the Engineers last week. However, two changes loomed very likely at practice session, late in the week. Len Frketich, 275 pound sophomore tackle, may replace Carl Stravinski, who has been idle much of the week with a bad leg. Another change may find Steve Rollins in the tailback spot for Chuck Peters.

The players making the trip to Cornell include Captain Alter, Vargo, Parsons, Radcliffe, and Washabaugh, ends, Frketich, Kijz, Platt, Stravinski, and Pollock, tackles, Garbinski, Mori, Nemeth, Sears, and Woodward, guards; Gajewski, Kolenda, and Wear, centers; Day, Debler, Eigenmouch, (Continued on Page Four)

Swing Pinafore Tuned To Times By '31 Thespian

Gilbert and Sullivan in the groove!
Two musical minds got together, pondered over the stiff waltz melodies of an 1878 opera, said, "why not?"

Like Benny Goodman went to work on "Loch Lomond," like Maxine Sullivan went to work on "Dark Eyes," they went to work on Gilbert and Sullivan. The result, a sparkling new swing version of "H.M.S. Pinafore."

Alumnus Arranged Music
When the curtain rises Friday night of Houseparty Weekend on the Glee-Thespians Fall production, they can give a credit line to one of their alumni. For it was Frank F. "Duke" Morris '31 of Philadelphia, former Thespian, who conceived and carried out the idea of rearranging Pinafore to swing.

Don Dobbie, co-arranger of the Swing Pinafore, is a member of a Wilkes-Barre band. Although the story of life aboard the Flagship of the English Navy and the love of a Captain's daughter for a common-seaman will remain the same, properties, lyrics, and costumes will be strictly streamlined. Instead of an ancient Man-of-War, a sleek battleship cruiser will be the main set.

The Glee-Thespian production of the Mid-Victorian opera will be the first attempt to present the perennial Gilbert and Sullivan hit in swingtime against a modernistic background.

Improvements, Dr. Ritenour added, should not be along the line of increased luxury but they should be made with respect to sanitation, cubic feet of space, lighting both natural and artificial, and made of entrance from the point of view of safety. These, he thinks, would result if a College dormitory were to be erected to alleviate the present crowded conditions.

Senior Girl Wins Judging Contest

Cynthia D. Tompkins '40, took first place in horse judging at the American Royal Livestock show at Kansas City, Mo., with a perfect score of 250. Miss Tompkins is the first Penn State student ever to make a perfect score at that show.

Joseph W. Beckenstrater '40 placed fourth in sheep judging with 222 points and Curtis A. Miller '40 was 15th with 214 points. The team placed fourth in sheep judging.

The Penn State team took 17th place in the contest.

Blue Band Names Leader
James A. Leyden Jr. '42, son of James A. Leyden '15, composer of Penn State's famous "Victory March" and "The Nittany Lion," has been named drum major of the Blue Band for the '39-40 season. Leyden, who obtained previous experience as drum major of the R.O.T.C. Band made his debut in the Bucknell game.

Lynn '41 Back With Photos Of Naval War

Memories of a summer in the war-torn Baltic haunt Frank J. Lynn, Jr. '41 as he walks around State College these days.

During the summer Lynn learned to know members of the crew of the German training ship Schleswig-Holstein, which fired the first shots of the Second World War, spent one and a half hectic hours on board a boat zig-zagging through a German mine field in which the Greek steamer Kosti was sunk, and shipped home on a boat designed for 12 passengers with 135 refugees in the hold.

But the proudest of all Lynn's adventures was the taking of pictures of German mine-layers on his way through the field. The pictures, 30 in all, are uncensored.

They show his boat being guided through the mine field and show the mine-layers at work.

He spent the summer as a seaman on the American Seismic Line motorship, Mormachawk, sailing from Chester on July 15 and returning to New York three weeks ago. When war broke out his boat was in Kowisko, Finland. It was on the way from there to Copenhagen that he took his pictures.

The Mormachawk was the last American boat out of Gdynia in the Polish Corridor about 30 miles from Danzig. It was during three days there that he became friends with members of the crew of the Schleswig-Holstein, German battleship which a few days later opened the war with the shelling

of the Westerplatte munitions base in the Danzig harbor. "Even then they thought they owned Poland," Lynn said yesterday.

On Labor Day, with war already started, Lynn's boat was on its way from Finland to Copenhagen when it was hailed by a German destroyer as it neared the mine field, and given the international signal to "follow us." At the edge of the field they lay at anchor three hours while a gold-braided naval officer was brought out from Germany as a pilot.

Then they were piloted through the field as Danish and Greek merchant vessels tagged behind. Later Lynn heard that the last of the three boats, the Greek Kosti, had been sunk when it hit a loose

mine.

Five mines went off within 800 yards of the Mormachawk, on one occasion two at once. So terrific was this explosion that the engineer in the hold entered in his log the cryptic, "Struck a submerged object."

When the ship finally reached Denmark it took on 135 American refugees from the thousands stranded there. Although the refugees had to live in the hold they were so anxious to get back that one woman refused an offer of \$3,500 for her place, Lynn related.

The refugees were in the No. 4 hold. In the No. 3 hold adjoining were horses and cows while in the No. 5 hold on the other side was Russian caviar.